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Week of prayer demonstrates black church's commitment to fighting AIDS



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he African-American census profile

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BRIGHT — Singles Faces Inc. host a singles function at OONE'S Restaurant beginning p.m. (732) 842-2894.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

ERSEY CITY — New Jersey City hiversity (NJCU) will offer examina-on review for aspiring teachers aginning at 9 a.m. (201) 200-3426.

...And the beat marches on Pre - Retirement Graduation



NJCU honors students



(L-R)Scholarship winners Nathalie Ricot and Judith Gitiha pose Noble during Dr.King luncheon at New Jersey City University.

Rider's first year students praised for award winning essays



(L-R)Seated:Deborah LaNier, Tricia Griffith, Shayla Rogers; Standing: Natash St.Lyr, John Hulsman, Robert Rivera, Gary Barricklow and Monika Clazewska

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DATE	TIME	PLACE
Wed., Feb. 17, 1999	7:00 P.M.	45 Aspen Pl., Recreational Room
Wed., Mar. 17, 1999	7:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers 330 Passaic Street
Wed., Apr. 21, 1999	7:00 P.M.	234 Chestnut Street
Wed., May 19, 1999	7:00 P.M.	203 Sixth Street
Wcd., June 16, 1999	7:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers 330 Passaic Street
Wed., July 21, 1999	7:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers 330 Passaic Street
Wed , Sep. 15, 1999	7:00 P.M.	14-34 East Monroe Street
Wed., Oct. 20, 1999	7:00 P.M.	City Council Chambers 330 Passaic Street
Wed., Nov. 17, 1999	7:00 P.M.	299 Gregory Avenue
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NUMBER OF ENGINEERING **GRADUATES POSTS** FIRST DECLINE IN A DECADE

WASHINGTON - The National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, Inc. (NACME) has released dust that indicates an overall decline in engineering graduates from 1997 to 1998. And, the number of African-American graduate, which had matitionally bucked the trend, fell for the first time in a decline of the second of th

decade.
Fewer African-American grad-uates, coupled with a decline among American Indians, com-ributed to the .04 percent increase in the number of underrepresented innorities graduating with degrees in engineering this past year. Minorities constituted 10.3 percent of all the 62,373 graduates in 1997 -98.

"Given the continuing decline in minority enrollments, this is probably the last year for increased graduation numbers," said Dr. George Campbell, Jr., NACME president and CEO. "To say that we are concerned is an understate-ment."

UN SAYS NEARLY 4,000 REFUGEES FLED CONGO

GENEVA (AP) - Fighting in Congo has forced nearly 4,000 peo-ple to flee into Tanzania in the past few days, the U.N. refugee agency

said.
Judith Kumin, spokeswoman
for the U.N. High Commissioner
for Refugees, said an estimated
1,000 people were expected to
Friday alone.
The refugees, who have been
crossing Lake Tanganylka in leaky
boats, said they feared new lighting
in the town of Fair between Maion ousting President Laurent Kabila.

In JUNHCR and the charity Caritas were using three boats to collect the refugees and seat them to a refugee army, she said.

Since fighting broke out last suggest, more than 25,000 people aware flee Congo - formerly known is Zaire - into Tanzania. There are 55,000 retugees in Tanzania attogether, including 65,000 from Congo.

Former U.S. Secretary Mike Espy recounts his "four years in the valley"

By Richard Williams

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Labor and Civil Rights: Working together



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Minister Louis Farrakhan issues call to action to black press

By Byran V. Garrett
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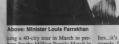
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Africa (AP) – In the world's most
race-conscious country, one group of
people often find themselves rejected by both whites and blacks and
even regarded as a curse from God.
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hereditary condition that causes lack
of pigmentation and leaves their skin
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Four years after the fall of
white-minority rule, blacks with
albinism — most prefer not to be
called "albinos" – are waiting for
their own liberation.

"We're still caught in the midfle. We're not as white as the whites
nor as black as the blacks," said
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Blacks with white skin have identity problems in South Africa



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Fannie Mae & NAACP announce partnership to provide expanded mortgage financing to African Americans

their reach."

Raines added that over the past five years, Famile Mae has helped the NAACP generate more than \$120 miltion of mortgage financing for its clients, and this new initiative should help double or triple that amount.

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Under the partnership, the NAACP will provide credit, financial management and home ownership resource information to approximately 20,000 African American households in areas served by its Community Development are local sums of the civil rights organization that provide a wide range of commer lending and business development connucling services.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

ARK — Gospel Outreach Min-presents gospel singer Rev. by Burgess and Ms T and the sel Singers at White Rock Bap-purch beginning at 7 p.m. (973)

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Honor Your Roots

"The root of the tree never casts a shadow." Yoruba proverb "You can't hate the root of a tree and not hate the fruit." —Malcolm X

"New Leadership Bible," strikes a chord with Christian Business people

Business people

GRAND RAPIDS, MI — It makes
sense that The Leadership Biblie, a fall
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of a great leader.

A recent release from Zondervan
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and what God's Word has to say about
them. It allows readers to study the
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reference to guiding principles for leadership.

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Faith and health: Divine intervention or good behavior?

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The specialists from other disciplines on
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

NEW YORK — Morris-Jumel Man-sion presents a jazz concert featur-ing saxophonist Kenny Rogers beginning at 2 p.m. (212) 923-8008

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

NEW YORK — The Museum of Modern Art presents a film festival retrospective on comedy movies during the 20th century beginning at 2:30 p.m. (212) 708-9400.

POMONA — Richard Stockton Col-lege Art Gallery presents the works of artists Tim Kennedy beginning at 11:30 s.m. (609) 652-4214.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

NEW YORK — The Museum of Modern Art presents its annual film featival featuring the German film Metropolis beginning at 6 p.m. (212) 708-9400.

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NEW BRUNSWICK — The State Theater presents The Dorseys In concert beginning at 8 p.m. (732) 246-7469.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

PLAINFIELD — The Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and the Open Space Theater Company presents the play And the World Goes Round at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church begin-ning at 8 p.m. (908) 226-0082.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

NEW BRUNSWICK — The State Theater presents the award-win-ing musical Smokey Joe's Cafe seginning at 8 p.m. (732) 247-4005.

NEWARK — Newark Symphony Hall and N.I.A. presents The Whis-pers and Rachell Farrell beginning at 8 p.m. (973) 643-4550.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

METUCHEN — The Forum Theater Company presents the musical Off the Hook. Call (732) 548-4670 for time.

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Local Briefs Whitman pledges \$2 million for Ellis Island

cleanup TRENTON - Gov. Christie Whit-man proposed a \$2 million initia-tive to begin the cleanup of build-ings on New Jersey's portion of Ellis Island. Whitman said the money will match federal funds and will be used to clean up and weatherproof the decaying build-

ings.
"The buildings on Ellis Island are part of the extraordinary history of our country," Whitman said.
"Now that New Jersey has won our claim to Ellis Island, we are going to do our part to give the landmark the respect and resources it

Newark offers free ski lessons to city youth

NEWARK - Youth and young adults, aged seven through 20, can hit the slopes through the end of February for free downfull and cross-country ski instruction, with a program being offered by the Dept. of Neighborhood and Recreation Services.

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ation Services. The department is offering free day trips to Mt. Peter Ski Area in Warwick, MY. as part of its Newark. Camp Watershod program. Buses leave from a different recreation center each Saturday at 8:30 a.m., through Feb. 20. Buses return to Newark at 5:30 p.m. For further info. And bus departure locations, contact Valerie James at (973)-733-3940.

Association of late-deafened adults offers scholarship

CALIFON, NJ - Q: When does it pay to love roller coasters and to be deaf?

A: When you're a member of the

A: When you're a member of the Association of Late-Deafened Adults-Garden State(ALDA-GS), and that's not a joke! Funds earned from a special ticket sale program for Great Adventure Theme Park in Jackson, NJ, have program for Great Adventure Theme Park in Jackson, NJ, have enabled ALDA-GS to offer its first \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving deaf or hard of hearing individual planning to attend college or voca-tional school in 1999. Contact the following for more information: Rudy Vener (732)576-1568, Jerry Barnhart (732)988-1929 or Elinore Bullock (908)832-5056.

New Jersey organization debates rent control

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JERSEY CITY – Hudson County
Executives will address the crisis
in affordable housing throughout
the State and the need for rent control. Bob Janiszewski will be the
keynote speaker at the New Jersey
Tenants Organization (NJTO)
Annual Meeting on Feb. 20, in Jersey City. The meeting, which will
bring together tenant leaders from
across the state, has as its theme
"Local Rent Control." This is currently both a local and Statewide

rently both a local and Statewide issue, due to the introduction of at least one bill in the State Legislature to eliminate rent control alto-gether, and the creation of a Task Force by the Governor to "look into" rent control and eviction pro-

The meeting will be held at the The meeting will be need at the Hudson County School of Technology from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration will begin at noon. The public is invited. For more info. call the NJTO office at (201) 342-3775.

Regional conference promotes aggressive business leadership

SCOTCH PLAINS – Over 500 students "accepted the challenge" of moving out of the classrooms and into the business world. Members of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools Chapter of the Future Rusiness Leeders of America Future Business Leaders of Ameri ca took part in the recent North-Central Regional Competitive Events and Conference held at Mercer County Community Col-lege. The conference affords stu-

Volunteers of America opens its doors to rehabilitating the community



High school students prepare for techno-sport competition



Irvington scholars honor Dr. King



Trenton prostitute's death from AIDS & TB underscores need for tougher anti-prostitution bill



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